

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NIHEI, Mizuhisa, et al.**

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Examiner: **Thanhha Pham**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 12, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 12, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.